

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on July 5,
2000 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM
ROBERTA DOWNING
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
DOUGLAS MCKEAN
ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN
Councilmen

ABSENT:

NONE

1. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis invited the audience to join the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

Dr. Michael Klemens, 9 Charlotte Street, implored the City Council to resolve an intolerable situation that occurred as a result of Playland's 4th of July festivities. He expressed disdain and concern about strangers urinating, defecating and fornicating in proximity to his property; parking illegally on Playland Parkway; littering; and the fact that his street was unsafe because there was no access or egress in the event of an emergency. He suggested that the council discuss with the County the possibility of installing guard rails along Playland Parkway to eliminate illegal parking; cleaning the litter from the July 4th celebration; and installing port-a-san facilities.

Mayor Otis assured Dr. Klemens that he would contact County Legislator Latimer and Playland Director Joseph Montalto to advise them of these problems. The Mayor also informed Dr. Klemens that there was an increased presence of city, county, and auxiliary police positioned at strategic intersections during the 4th of July celebrations.

Dr. Klemens acknowledged the police presence and complimented the Rye City Police Department for its speedy response to his requests for assistance.

A council discussion focused on:

- the possibility of installing signs to indicate when Playland parking lots are full;
- rerouting traffic from I-95;
- notifying the county of safety, traffic, and sanitary issues; and
- reviewing the county's past efforts to correct similar situations, which was recommended by Mr. Peter Larr.

Mayor Otis assured Dr. Klemens that the council will work toward a resolution of this problem.

4. Discussion of the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council

Mayor Otis referred to his June 30th memorandum about the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council. He stated that the shared code enforcement officer proposal, and the official appointments to the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council would require the council's attention.

Mayor Otis stated that to date, the Council has received state grants to design a public information brochure on the inflow and infiltration issue to analyze the impact of repairs on our stormwater system and a grant to hire a code enforcement officer to pursue illegal hook-ups in each municipality.

City Manager Julia D. Novak said she will discuss the shared code enforcement officer proposal with Building Inspector Vincenzo Tamburro and City Engineer George Mottarella.

5. Appointments to the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council

The Mayor stated that there is a request for two official appointees to the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council. Mayor Otis explained that most communities appoint one staff member and one elected official.

Councilman McKean made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to approve the appointments of City Manager Julia Novak and Mayor Otis to the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council. Councilwoman Cunningham was designated as an alternate representative.

6. Other Business

A. Councilman McKean suggested sending out the Request For Proposal (RFP) prepared by Mr. Brian Dempsey under the direction of the Parking Working Group. The City of Rye is requesting proposals to conduct an analysis of the parking conditions in the Central Business District.

Both Councilwomen Cunningham and Downing expressed concern about sending out the RFP before the council has an opportunity to discuss the matter. Circulating the RFP was deferred. This matter will be considered at a future council meeting.

B. Councilwoman Downing announced that The Soundkeeper Boat Pumpout Program is now operating in the Sound. It services recreational vessels from the Byram River in Greenwich, Saugatuck River in Westport, and in Mamaroneck. The program consists of four pumpout boats that divert sewage from boat tanks into municipal sewage treatment plants to help improve water quality for bathing, fishing, and shell fishing, and marine life.

Councilwoman Downing urged that the City of Rye participate as a sponsor in this program. She will circulate information about this program in Friday's packet.

7. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session with the Planning Commission to discuss legal matters

Councilman McKean made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman and unanimously carried, to adjourn to executive session with the Planning Commission at 8:26 P.M. to discuss legal matters about the Nugent Field stadium lights and two personnel issues.

Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to reconvene at 11:08 P.M.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad
City Clerk